

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 666

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Frederick W. Smith on his receipt of the Eisenhower Award from Business Executives for National Security.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pay tribute to those sterling public servants who exemplify the “alert and knowledgeable citizenry” that is essential so that “liberty and security can prosper together”; and

WHEREAS, Frederick W. Smith, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of FedEx Corporation, is most assuredly one such valuable citizen; and

WHEREAS, Business Executives for National Security (BENS) is honoring Mr. Smith with the Eisenhower Award for his “entrepreneurial spirit, leadership and contributions to American national security”; and

WHEREAS, the BENS Eisenhower Award honors the contributions of public servants and private citizens who help ensure our national security by safeguarding our freedoms as well as the balance “between the actions of the moment and the national welfare of the future” that President Eisenhower described in his farewell address; and

WHEREAS, past recipients of this prestigious award include a president of the United States, a vice president of the United States, three U.S. secretaries of defense, a U.S. secretary of state, several U.S. senators, and numerous prominent business leaders; and

WHEREAS, this year’s most deserving recipient of the BENS Eisenhower Award truly possesses the spirit of the Renaissance; and

WHEREAS, a former officer of the United States Marine Corps who received a Silver Star for his courageous service in Vietnam, Frederick W. Smith was named 2004 CEO of the Year by *Chief Executive* magazine for his inspired leadership of a multi-billion-dollar global

transportation and logistics company that has achieved phenomenal success in both financial and human terms; and

WHEREAS, through Mr. Smith's strategic direction, advocacy for free trade, and stalwart commitment to total quality service, FedEx has greatly strengthened its industry leadership and position over the past 32 years; and

WHEREAS, FedEx Express was the first service company to win the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award in 1990, and FedEx has consistently been ranked on *Fortune* magazine's industry lists, including selection as one of the "100 Best Companies to Work For", "America's Most Admired Companies" and "World's Most Admired Companies"; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his singular business acumen, Mr. Smith is a gentleman of great personal conviction and compassion; he is Co-Chairman of the U.S. World War II Memorial Project and the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Professional Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, he also serves as Chair of the Business Roundtable's Security Task Force, Chair of the French-American Business Council, and as a member of the Business Council, the CATO Institute and the Mayo Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Frederick W. Smith, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of the FedEx Corporation, has distinguished himself as an entrepreneur, business leader and public servant of great ability and uncommon social conscience, and he should be recognized on this special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Frederick W. Smith upon his much deserved receipt of the Eisenhower Award from Business Executives for National Security, thank this remarkable gentleman for his many past, present and future contributions to Tennessee's growth and prosperity, and wish him much continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

